



## Faith- and Community-Based Organizations

Beginning in 2002, the TOP grant announcement explicitly designates faith-based organizations as eligible grantees. Here are some of the projects that TOP has funded that are being carried out by faith-based and community organizations:

**Center for Urban Missions** (Birmingham, Alabama) operates eight neighborhood programs through a coalition of faith-based and community organizations, using wireless technologies to provide job skills to young people and adults seeking work.

**Ekklesia Development Corporation** (Cincinnati, Ohio) is creating one of the first online directories linking faith-based social service providers.

**The Jubilee Project** (Sneedville, Tennessee) is a faith-based organization helping to increase the chances of success for start-up specialty food production companies in the remote, impoverished counties of east Tennessee.

**National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education** (Silver Spring, Maryland) is working with Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCU) and churches within a five-mile radius each campus to provide technology-driven support for Black male youth who are at risk of incarceration and help them develop into community conscious, goal-oriented individuals.

**Khmer Health Advocates** (Leverett, Massachusetts) is working with partners, including the Cambodian Buddhist Temple, to create a telemedicine network to address health issues faced by Cambodian Americans.



**Grambling State University** (Grambling, Louisiana), a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), is working with six Black churches in rural Louisiana to increase community residents' use of the Internet for health and educational purposes.

**Metropolitan Hospital** (Grand Rapids, Michigan) provides remote interpreting services to several organizations, including the Catholic Human Development Outreach.

**The National Urban Technology Center's Community Employment Network** (New York, New York) connects public assistance recipients with employment training and listings for jobs and internships at area Baptist churches.

**Mayor's Office of Information Services, Community Services Network**, (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) is offering innovative software tools, technical training, and network connectivity to link city and non-profit human service agencies that work with low-income communities.